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Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending in the application.

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 is required to one of the following inventions:

- I. claims 1-24 drawn to a method and apparatus for addressing a mobile node identifying a host to a corresponding node at a level above a network level using an invariant virtual internet protocol address, classified in class 370, subclass 395.5.
- II. claims 25-27 drawn to a dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) server comprising means for assigning a routable actual IP address and a virtual IP address to the mobile node, classified in class 370, subclass 395.5.
- III. claims 28-34 drawn to a network address translation (NAT) device comprising means for identifying an actual IP address of the mobile node based on the virtual IP address and associating a first/second actual IP address with the mobile node, classified in class 370, subclass 395.54.

The Examiner finds: inventions I and II to be related as combination and subcombination; inventions I and III to be related as combination and subcombination; and Inventions II and III to be related as subcombinations disclosed in a single combination. The Examiner has required restriction between combination and subcombination inventions.

Applicants elect the claims of Invention I, namely claims 1-24.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application in order to prosecute the invention recited in the non-elected group of claims.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this response is a full and complete response to the Office Action and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to call Eamon Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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